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[1](#)1. (SBU) Jose Moreno, Deputy Director of European Affairs and International Relations at the Ministry of Finance, informed post on June 11 that Portugal will support Robert Zoellick's candidacy for World Bank President. Per ref A, Finance Minister Teixeira dos Santos confirmed the government's position in favor of Zoellick to Moreno. The GOP will make its position known within the European Union.

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